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School Requirements Being Attended To

The members of the local School Board are alive to the requirements of the new basement room. Last weekend a new ceiling radiator was installed with a fan attached to distribute the heat. Several new electric lights have also been added.

These two new additions will be greatly appreciated during the winter months.

Showers.

Mrs. Hurt was hostess to a kitchen shower, held in honour of Mrs. Ed. Clayton (nee Helen Sharp) when about thirty ladies gathered at the United Church parlour, Thursday afternoon last. Ruby Lee presented a nicely decorated wagon, laden with gifts. A bountiful lunch was served at the close.

The home of Mrs. Ed Fox was the scene of a miscellaneous shower, when about 30 ladies gathered in honour of Mrs. Douglas Fleming, last Thursday afternoon, November 9th.

Mrs. Fleming received many beautiful gifts, but is still wondering who the party was that mistook her shower for her birthday. However, the opening of the packages caused roars of laughter, especially the "Birthday Gift".

A delicious lunch was served, and another enjoyable afternoon came to a close.

Local and General

Miss Dorothy Brown visited at the home of her parents, at Longview, a few days last week.

We notice Mrs. Miles Fike getting out again. How come? —ct'd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vetter, of Carstairs, visited at the home of the latter's parents, Corporal and Mrs. D. Cameron, Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Hunt visited friends at Parkland last Friday, where Mrs. Hunt remained, returning home Monday.

We regret to say that Hudson Hoover is confined to his home with a cold. Mr. Albert Hudson is driving the Van.

Local and General

Mr. and Mrs. J. Belshaw and family spent Sunday, visiting friends and relatives in the city.

I. W. Fike, of Madden, purchased a new Massey-Harris tractor recently.

D. G. Zang, of Calgary, accompanied by his father, were visitors at the L. Overby home over the weekend.

Mrs. Jean Stevens was taken to the Calgary General hospital last Wednesday afternoon, where she underwent an appendix operation.

The Misses Margaret McLaren and Donna Laut and Jack Bishop all of Calgary, visited at the home of Miss Wilda Laut over the weekend.

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Legion Dance To Aid Red Cross Successful

The dance sponsored by the Crossfield Branch of the Canadian Legion, held Friday last, November 10th, was an unequalled success.

The members of the Legion wish to thank all those who participated in their annual event, making it such a huge success.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. High left for Ontario last Friday, after spending the fall months here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hopkins, accompanied by Miss Ruth Stauffer, were visitors to the southern city during the weekend.

Financial Statement

DANCE NOVEMBER 10, 1939

Tickets sold \$205.00 Expenses \$ 49.00

Donation to Red Cross 155.50

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This is a good start for the Red Cross

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

Service at Rodney and Tan-y-Bryn next Sunday.

The young people of the United Church expect to show Cecil B. De Mille's picture, "The King of Kings", in the church on Monday night, November 20, and to organize for the coming winter.

Don't forget to tune in to the U.G.G. Hockey Broadcast, Saturday night, Calgary vs Drumheller, and every Saturday night throughout the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smart have purchased the Nichol house on Hammond Street and took up residence therein last weekend.

In connection with the Rural High Schools convention, held in Calgary last weekend, we noticed that Mr. W. K. Gish, our local school principal, was elected as a member of the executive committee.

Surprise Wedding Anniversary Party

Tuesday evening last, November 14th, was a well-spent evening at the Ballams, when a number of friends called on them in honour of their 15th wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent in bridge, crib and Chinese checkers.

The guests of honour were presented with a lovely Silver Casserole, after which a very dainty lunch was served.

Deaths.

Mary Clare Urquhart, of Crossfield, quietly passed away Tuesday morning. She leaves to mourn, three uncles, W. Urquhart of Crossfield, Gordon and C. J. Urquhart of Elnora, and one aunt, Mrs. G. A. Bishop of Calgary. Rev. A. D. Currie will conduct the funeral services from the Church of the Ascension today (Thursday), at 2 p.m. and interment will be made in the Crossfield cemetery.

What a Difference!

In our travels we often come upon peculiar things, and sometimes things are circumstances that make our hearts ache, when we think of conditions elsewhere.

This particular time we were visiting in a town just a little south, perhaps of know account to those of us here; but, speaking of co-operation, there is none better any other place larger. Why, the farmers sell their produce in the city for cash and make their purchases at home. Only things they cannot purchase at home are obtained in their city, twelve miles away. Is that what we would call the "Community Spirit".

In our own little town, conditions are somewhat different. "Oh I forgot to buy that loaf of bread or spool of thread. I guess it'll have to be local business this time."

Space does not permit us to go into detail, but when local merchants sell for the same as patrons can buy in the city and they in turn do their shopping at home, there is "Community Spirit".

BRITAIN'S WAR MIGHT ROLLS TO BATTLE



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"Bren carriers somewhere in France." An everyday sight in hamlets and villages behind the lines.

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3rd prize, Dick Nichols, Crossfield

Come on Boys & Girls, try your skill, you may be the next winner; who knows!!

Hoboes In Harvest.

During the years of the bumper crops in the three Prairie Provinces, many farmers' sons and hired men came from the

East when harvest was finished, and helped to harvest and thresh the western crop. Wages were fairly high in those days, and as a further inducement the railroads put on excursion rates.

In good years the help from the East was not sufficient to harvest and thresh the crop, and many farm labourers came over

from the States. Even then the threshing was not completed until quite late in the fall. In fact, sometimes a taste of winter was experienced before threshing was finished.

This summer the prospect of a bumper crop in the west was most assuring. The news was sent far and wide, and thousands of labourers came from the Eastern Provinces and from British Columbia, to harvest the crop. Long before the harvest was ready the army of harvest hands came to Manitoba, Saskatchewan,

and Alberta, by motor bus, automobile, passenger train and freight train. Of course, not all those who ride the freight trains are farm labourers. Many of them are mere loafers—a carry-over since the Depression, when men rode freight trains back and forth aimlessly, never getting more than a few days of work at the best. Such men are always discontented and grumbling, and invariably lean toward Communism, and insofar as they are able, try to spread its doctrines. Most of them are opposed to the private ownership of property and the use of money as a medium of exchange. But very few of them have any constructive ideas, and tend to discourage individual initiative and enterprise. They are dissatisfied with the capitalistic system, and look to the time when it will be abolished or at

Around Field And Barn.

By E. M. C.

It was a long road that had no snowdrift.

Do we appreciate the amount of planning, hard work, discomfort and long hours that road workers and councillors are called upon to give as a result of such a blizzard as we recently experienced?

If we do not have to get out we stay home and wait for some one else to "bust the road." It's optional: no responsibility for us. The mile, or half mile that we have we have to work over to get to the market is a big enough job for us, as we see it. When we get to the main road and find it open, and fairly good going, we take it all for granted and seldom ask the how, or the why. If it is not open we cuss and threaten. You may say, as one man did to me, "That is what we pay taxes for!" so it is, but 40 miles on the dollar would not give efficient service, unless you had efficient councillors who place community interests before personal consideration. This outburst is prompted by my having seen something of what had to be done, and some travelling in other districts where the mill rate is no less.

A good deal of what I feel the urge to bring to your notice goes for village officials also; there is quite a difference in towns after a snowstorm—Ever notice that?

Carry on—and still be thankful

least they hope so.

The transient labourers, in their journeys and search for work, are mostly unable to patronize hotels, rooming houses, or restaurants. They resort to the "jungles"—the haunts of the hoboes. These "jungles" are a kind of shelter or camping place usually near the stock yards, or the railway station. I have seen hoboes rigging up fairly comfortable sleeping quarters under the loading platform at the stockyards. They used straw or hay for a bed, and had grain-doors for a wind-break. They cook their own meals over small fires with groups of three or four to a fire. They pick up all the wood they can find scattered around—old ties—broken boards, boxes, etc., and when the supply of these is gone, some of them are not averse to using grain-doors for fuel!

Some of these men come well prepared to take care of themselves. They have immense pack-sacks containing blankets, cooking utensils, soap, towels, shaving

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Things to Remember

A.Y.P.A. Bridge and Dance November 17.

Board of Trade Dance November 24.

Dress-Up Club.

The following is the order in which the participants receive their winter coats in Ernie's dress up club:

1. M. N. Jones
2. A. Baker.
3. R. J. Cann
4. Clarence Riddell
5. Ed. Smith
6. Bill Walker
7. E. Sharp
8. P. H. Fleming
9. Don Cameron
10. A. W. Gordon
11. G. Lim
12. George Fleming
13. Jack McCaskill
14. T. J. Borbridge
15. H. McCaskill
16. D. McCaskill

sets, mending kits, Sundays and off days are spent in cleaning up—bathing, washing clothes, mending clothes, and oiling foot-wear.

The more provident type of harvest labourer usually has funds to tide him over while waiting for work, and can purchase the necessities of life in the towns along the way, tea, coffee, sugar, lard, butter, jam, bread, etc. Some even carry a supply of flour and make flap jacks or hot cakes for breakfast. Many enjoy their ham and eggs just as

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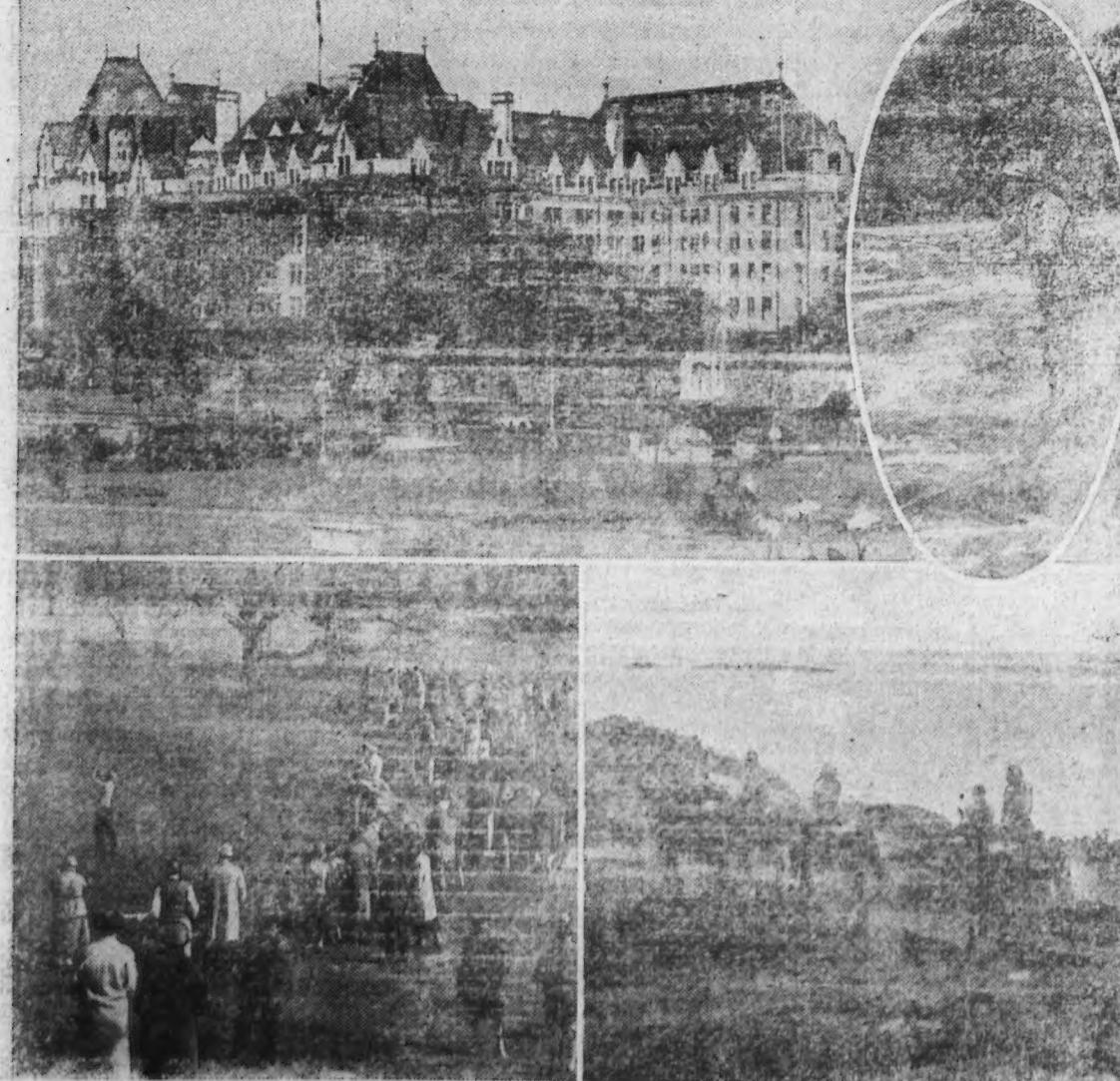
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There are several reasons for the promise of greatly increased travel to beautiful Vancouver Island but the most important one at the moment seems to be that international exchange inequalities, brought about by the war,

make each dollar worth ten cents more in Canada than it is in the United States.

The West Coast has many attractions for the traveller who likes his winter without snow. The gardens of the ivy-clad Empress and other beauty spots on the island retain their beauty and freshness all year round; riding, golf, tennis, swimming, fishing and lawn bowling continue throughout the winter; the Mid-Winter Golf Tournament, from March 3 to 9, is an annual event which attracts enthusiasts from

all over the continent; Christmas at the Empress is a celebration complete with boar's head, yule logs, wassail bowl and carols, with a novel after-dinner social glass out on the open lawn.

The contrast offered by Victoria is really amazing, especially after a train ride across the country. From the windows of the warm train the traveller will see typical Canadian winter scenery, — and then Victoria with its flowers, its magnificent weather, and its year-round golf and other summer sports.

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any householder does.

However, the more improvident labourers try to live off the country as they travel. When they get off the freight trains they usually arrange to have a "Meat Stew," and set out to "burn" the townspeople for the ingredients. One of the number "burns" the butcher shop for a few soup bones, ham, etc., another gets a few raw potatoes and vegetables. Others again get stale bread from the bakery or grocery store. Then they "pool" their plunder, and a real "feed" is the result. There are always plenty of cast-off cooking utensils at the jungles. Coffee tins, syrup jugs, tobacco cans, and tomato cans are picked up here and there. Some visit the nuisance grounds, and pick up old kettles, etc. These are well scoured with hot water and put into use. Some of these men consider the other fellow, and after a meal the dishes are washed, and everything left in good shape for the next bunch that comes along. Even these transients tho' not exemplary in

every respect, have their redeeming features.

By being industrious and thrifty right through harvest and threshing many of these harvest hands go home with good sums of money. Others, however, go home broke, and then on relief.

Although living a rough life riding freight trains, and classed as hoboes, these men are not all tramps. Many of them have seen better days and are the victims of circumstances over which they had no control. Many of them are good at heart, and share what they have with their poorer or less favoured companions.

These men are not all irreligious nor illiterate. Some of them have respect for religion and the church and are keenly interested in the great world movements of thought and activity, and show deep concern for the welfare of humanity. One would be surprised at the type of men found among these transients. One Sunday, one was found reading his Bible! I have

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As an act of courtesy "Letters to the Editor" are published, and the Chronicle cannot be held responsible for the opinions expressed.

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Editor Chronicle, Crossfield

Sir: For EMC's information pass on the following, taken from the "Instructor", Nov., 1936: The Bank of England is a stock company, owned and controlled by stockholders, all of whom are private individuals and private corporations, foreign as well as British. The question was asked at a committee enquiry on finance in 1928 and later in parliament. Who were the shareholders? The reply was: it was not in the public interest to know. The business of the bank is almost entirely with public funds, and it has been largely responsible for financial conditions in the world during the last 70 years. This is probably the reason they wish to conceal their identity.

The Royal Mint refinery is owned and controlled by Rothschilds and their associates, and the huge stores of gold belong to them, and not the British Gov't as is generally believed. All the gold in the Bk of Eng does not belong to the Gov't, but to the stockholders of the Bank.

The reason the Indians fought wars without incurring debt is easily explained. They had no Rothschilds' money system to enslave them. We could do the same thing. The true cost of war is what is consumed in waging it, i.e., men and material and sorrow. Money should be simply the bookkeeping of the various transactions. Where are the Indians today? My dear friend, the French and British waged a war of aggression against them, took their land away, destroyed most of their food supplies and put them in glorified concentration camps.

There was no such thing as national debt, as we know it, until the issue of money passed from the hands of the Gov't into private hands, and bank credit or check book money took the place of coin to the extent of doing 95 per cent of the nation's business.

Pensions were made possible by the advent of the machine, and today we

have arrived at a point where they

are absolutely necessary in order to

distribute the abundance that the

present wage system leads to waste

EMC says without perpetual debt

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Pool Staff Donates
\$2,400 to Red Cross

The employees of the Head Office of the Alberta Wheat Pool have pledged themselves to donate \$2,400 within the next year to the Calgary branch of the Canadian Red Cross. The donation will be made on an one percent deduction from salaries of all Pool employees in Calgary. The Calgary employees of this former co-operative grain handling company have taken the lead in showing their loyalty to the Canadian war effort in a tangible way. The decision to make the contribution was unanimous.

Saturday-Night

DANCING

in the Crossfield U.F.A. Hall

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Prairie Serenaders Orchestra

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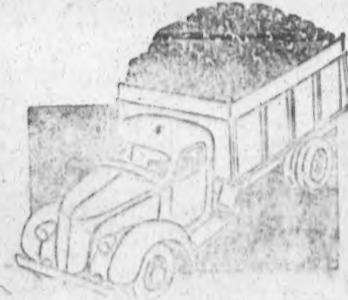
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there would be perpetual poverty. I presume this refers to the people who live on interest. It would certainly be poverty for them to do to work and live on the same scale as a farmer for instance. This must also mean that with debt there is no poverty; so that if the price of wheat was 10 cents, the farmer would have more debt and less poverty. J. S. SMITH
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Disembarking scene at a p... somewhere in France. Note the anti-aircraft gun all ready for instant action.

Goozles

Oh boy, Jack Wilcox in a glass frame. Watch out, Jack. ct'd Mrs. Calhoun supplying a good dictionary for the publishers.

A certain high school girl says there seemed to be quite a few high school kids that were glad to see that last blizzard on Wednesday.

Boy, was Verna ever stuck for words.

Thanks for the buns, Mrs. Hopkins, they certainly were good.

Every time Happy H. tries out a car, he heads it down the highway south. H m m m that's queer.

Two high school boys were in and wrote, "War is declared in the High School." (Editor's note: Just the boys and girls are involved.)

Did you hear about the young lady that bought a picture of James Stewart, movie star, because it is very similar to a certain young man up north.

large attendance.

We hear that several persons have taken up farms across the river and are breaking up the land and clearing more.

John Bird has taken unto himself a wife, Miss Elsie Topping, from Okotoks. A big time is expected when he arrives home again. Mr. and Mrs. Bird will reside in Cremona.

Several weddings are in the making in the locality; so there will be some surprises very soon.

Local and General.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edlund were host and hostess to an Armistice dinner Friday evening last. About twenty guests were present.

Arthur Baker, who is employed with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hanna Branch, spent the weekend at the home of his parents here.

It is a good policy to use C.P. Express Money Orders when remitting. Purchase them at the Chronicle Office.

In last week's edition we stated as friends of Mrs. E. Cartwright being glad she is around after a three week's confinement to bed. This should have read Mrs. A. D. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McDonald and family have moved into the Pogue residence and Mrs. Pogue has moved to Turner Valley, where she will join her son, Stanley, who is on the teaching staff there.

A meeting of the Crossfield Social Credit group will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Becker on Thursday, November 16th, at 8:00 p.m. Everybody welcome. Ladies provide.

On Tuesday afternoon the Shower Club met at the home of Mrs. J. Wilcox. Whist was played, the prize going to Mrs. Calhoun, after which a very dainty lunch was served by the hostess. All report a very good time.

Neils and Billy Nielsen brought us an unknown bird Monday, which looks somewhat like a duck, yet it has the appearance of a coot, or mud hen. Cal Calhoun came to our rescue Wednesday morning and told us it was a loon.

TRANSPORTATION.**Train Schedule****SOUTH**

Every day except Sunday	
522.....	5:21 a.m.
524.....	12:21 p.m.
526.....	5:35 p.m.
Sunday	
522.....	5:21 a.m.
528.....	2:10 p.m.

NORTH

521.....	12:42 a.m.
523.....	10:07 a.m.
525.....	5:53 p.m.

SUNDAY

521.....	12:42 a.m.
527.....	6:01 p.m.

Bus Schedule**NORTH**

7:51 a.m.	2:21 p.m.	6:21 p.m.
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COUNCIL MEETINGS
The council of the village of Crossfield will meet in the Fire Hall on the first Monday of each month at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m.
By Order of the Village Council
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Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 7:30 a.m.
Worship service alternate Sunday mornings at Rodney and Madden.
Afternoon services at Tan-y-Bryn and Oneil, as announced in other columns.
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." —Jesus

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
(Anglican)
Rev. A. D. Currie, Rector

Holy Communion on the first Sunday at 8:00 a.m., and on the second Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Evensong on the first and third Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Other services by arrangement and special notice.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Pickford, B.Th., Pastor

Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 12 noon

Evening Service, 8 o'clock

Abernethy School, 3:00 p.m.